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SUBJECT: SIXTH SESSION TRIAL OF KIM CHI-HA

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1. DEFENSE CONTINUED CROSS EXAMINATION OF PROSECUTION WITNESSES DURING SIXTH SESSION. FIRST WITNESS, YU CHONG-HAE ASSEMBLYMAN SIN SANG-CHO WHO IS SUPPOSED EXPERT ON COMMUNISM, TESTIFIED THAT KIM'S WRITINGS SIMILAR TO COMMUNIST STYLE EXPRESSION BECAUSE OF USE OF TERMS SUCH AS "CLASS STRUGGLE" AND "PROLETARIAT VS BOURGEOISIE." KIM CHI-HA REMINDED SIN THAT HE PRAISED KIM'S POEM, "FIVE THIEVES" AS A MASTERPIECE. HOW COULD HE NOW DENOUNCE IT AS COMMUNIST-STYLE POEM. SIN REPLIED THAT "FIVE THIEVES" IS MASTERFUL LITERARY EXPRESSION OF "CLASS STRUGGLE."

2. SECOND WITNESS SON CHONG-PAK IS SELF-CONFESSED COMMUNIST WHO ATTENDED UNIVERSITY WITH KIM CHI-HA. SON CHARGED THAT KIM CHI-HA AND OTHER STUDENT LEADERS WERE ALSO COMMUNIST. KIM DENIED CHARGE AND SON ADMITTED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW IF KIM COMMUNIST NOW THOUGH HE THOUGHT HE WAS DURING THEIR UNIVERSITY DAYS.

3. DEFENSE STATED THAT IT PLANNED TO CALL THREE WITNESSES FOR NEXT SESSION ON JULY 31 AS WELL AS TWO LITERARY EXPERTS AND ONE THEOLOGIAN. JUDGE CONSENTED TO LITERARY EXPERTS BUT REJECTED THEOLOGIAN AS INAPPROPRIATE. WITNESSES WILL BE FRIEND OF KIM DURING STUDENT DAYS, CATHOLIC PRIEST WHO WILL ATTEST TO HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CATHOLIC FAITH, AND ONE OTHER WHO KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT PRP CASE.

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